

Application Serial No. 10/630,034  
Amendment dated December 31, 2004  
Second Preliminary Amendment

**REMARKS:**

The amendment to the claims cancels claim 41 without prejudice or disclaimer. This claim related to a process for electrocoating a conductive substrate with a catalyst system employing an inorganic particulate support less than 100 microns. The amendments to product-by-process claim 42 deletes reference to canceled claim 41, whereas new product-by-process claim 43 tracks the process of claim 40, however, with an inorganic particulate support having a particle size less than 100 microns in contrast to the 20 micron support of claim 40.

Applicant's attorneys request information on the status of the application which they filed on July 30, 2003, some 16 months ago, and point out that 37 C.F.R. § 1.702 (a) (1) will give the applicant an extension of term where he has not received a notification under 35 U. S. C. §§ 132 or 151 within 14 months after the date of filing.


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### CONCLUSIONS

Applicant requests entry of the foregoing amendment preliminary to an examination of the application on the merits and an indication from the Patent Office when they will take up the application for examination.

Respectfully submitted,


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